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FOR ROGERS AND SCHAUFEE ONLY FROM FRANK

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EAID, NL
SUBJ: ZIMBABWE DEVELOPMENT FUND

REF: (A) BONN 00317; (B) BONN 00268

1. FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS I THINK IT MIGHT BE WISE, AS LONG
AS I AM IN THE HAGUE ANYWAY, TO SCHEDULE A MEETING WITH SOME
WORKING-LEVEL DUTCH OFFICIALS ABOUT THE ZIMBABWE DEVELOPMENT
FUND. MOST PARTICULARLY,

A. THE EMBASSY HAS AGAIN MENTIONED SUBJECT TO DUTCH
OFFICIALS, FOLLOWING UP AMBASSADOR'S INITIAL APPROACH. SINCE
I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE PROPOSAL FROM THE BEGINNING,
I CAN SERVE AS A USEFUL RESOURCE PERSON IN ANSWERING QUESTIONS
AND CLEARING UP MISUNDERSTANDINGS;

B. A NUMBER OF DUTCH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ARE ATTENDING
THE CONFERENCE AT THE INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL STUDIES THAT I AM
ATTENDING. THESE OFFICIALS INCLUDE FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS
WHO MAY KNOW OF MY INVOLVEMENT BECAUSE OF OUR DISCUSSION WITH
THE DUTCH AMBASSADOR AND BECAUSE THE DEPUTY RECTOR OF THE
INSTITUTE, A CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND, KNOWS THAT I AM WORKING ON
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ZIMBABWE AND IS LIKELY TO MENTION IT TO GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.
(THE INSTITUTE, A GOVERNMENT-SUPPORTED INSTITUTION, IS THINKING
OF DOING SOME RESEARCH ON ZIMBABWE DEVELOPMENT).

C. MY FAILURE TO DISCUSS THE FUND PROPOSAL IN THE HAGUE
MAY BE VIEWED AS MORE SIGNIFICANT THAN A DECISION TO DISCUSS
IT, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT YOU SAID TO THE DUTCH
AMBASSADOR THAT I WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO TALK WITH THEM FURTHER.

2. I ALSO THINK IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO STOP IN BONN, BUT DISTINGUISH A DECISION TO GO TO BONN FROM A DECISION TO DISCUSS THE FUND IN THE HAGUE BECAUSE I WOULD HAVE TO GO A BIT OUT OF MY WAY TO GET TO BONN. NEVERTHELESS, THERE IS A SERIOUS DANGER THAT THE GERMANS WILL TAKE A NEGATIVE ATTITUDE ON THE FUND AT THE WORKING LEVEL (REF A AND B). ALTHOUGH CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT HAS BEEN SUPPORTIVE IN CONVERSATIONS WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER, HIS WORKING-LEVEL PEOPLE MAY LOCK HIM INTO A NIGGARDLY CONTRIBUTION, IF ANY. FURTHERMORE, THERE ARE SOME EUROPEAN COMMUNITY MEETINGS AT WHICH A NEGATIVE GERMAN ATTITUDE COULD BE VERY UNHELPFUL IN OUR ATTEMPTS TO BUILD SUPPORT AMONG OTHER COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

3. I WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND STRONGLY THE FOLLOWING:

A. THAT IN COORDINATION WITH EMBASSY AND SUBJECT TO DUTCH ATTITUDE I MEET WITH DUTCH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS AND ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT THE ZIMBABWE DEVELOPMENT FUND BEFORE I LEAVE ON THE AFTERNOON OF JANUARY 11.

B. THAT I STOP IN BONN ON JANUARY 12 ON THE WAY HOME FOR THE SAME PURPOSE.

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